



THE FLAME OF PEACE

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The same flame has been used in the Prayer Pilgrimage for Peace every year since the 5th annual Pilgrimage on Saturday, May 2nd, 1987. It is carried by runners who also bear a packet of the sacred soil from the Santuario to the birthplace of nuclear weapons -- Los Alamos, New Mexico. There, at Ashley Pond Park, the Flame and the soil are used in a Native American blessing conducted in the spirit of healing and reconciliation. There, we pray for peace.

May we "keep the flame alive" in our hearts. It represents the good fire of God's Love, which the People of God are called to share with one another and with all creatures on Planet Earth.

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EL SANTUARIO DE CHIMAYO**

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